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(Signed by Dr. Scoville, but he had second thoughts and did not send it forward)

Memo to DCI (drafted by [redacted])

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As you are aware, the NRO has suffered certain growing pains and, more often than not, has been the arena for misunderstanding and friction between the Air Force and ourselves. If the Agency is to play an active role in the NRO, not only as a participating member in the NRP through our IDEALIST, OXCART and CORONA projects, but also in the management direction and coordination of Government-wide reconnaissance programs, then certain changes in the present execution of the NRO are necessary. With the imminent resignation/ of Dr. Charyk as Under Secretary of the Air Force and D/NRO, the time might well be propitious to implement such modifications before the current modus operandi is adopted by a new D/NRO.

As an initial step, we recommend that the DD/R be designated Deputy Director, NRO, with full cognizance and command in the NRP. Given at least this seat, with voice and vote in the day-to-day decision-making of the NRO, I am confident that the NRO can be employed as an effective tool in the development, direction and management of our national reconnaissance efforts.

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OSA [redacted] desired following changes in NRO setup:

- 1) dir & dep dir to be appointed to full-time positions. CIA and DOD to be represented in one or the other.
- 2) NRO should act as a staff rather than an operating and contracting entity
- 3) NRO staff should be as equal as possible between the ~~two~~ agencies in NRP.
- 4) Program Directors shld all be in D. C. area;
- 5) [redacted] facility should be used to coordinate recce activities instead of setting up a duplicate facility.
- 6) ~~Assign all staff from the NRP to NRO~~
- 7) Locate all NRO in one, neutral area.

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